

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 9, 11, 13, 15, 34, 36, 39, 41, 52 and 53, to read as follows.

1-8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) A server comprising:

a detection unit adapted to detect a new text inserted in a web page;

a deletion unit adapted to delete ~~one or more~~ registered character strings from the new text detected by said detection unit in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech, wherein the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings are the same as ~~one or more~~ character strings registered in a predetermined file;

a conversion unit adapted to convert ~~a character string that represents the new~~ text, from which the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings have been deleted by said deletion unit, into a phonetic character string; and

a transmission unit adapted to transmit the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit to a client.

10. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 9, wherein said transmission unit transmits to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit.

11. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein said transmission unit transmits to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the new text together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) A method for a server, the method comprising the steps of:

detecting a new text inserted in a web page;

deleting ~~one or more~~ registered character strings ~~registered~~ from the new text detected in said detection step in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech, wherein the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings are the same as ~~one or more~~ character strings registered in a predetermined file;

converting ~~a character string that represents~~ the new text, from which the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings have been deleted ~~by~~ in said deletion ~~unit~~ step, into a phonetic character string; and

transmitting the phonetic character string converted in said converting step to a client.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein said transmitting step includes a step of transmitting to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string converted in said converting step.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein said transmitting step includes a step of transmitting to the client a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the new text together with the phonetic character string converted in said converting step.

16-33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus comprising:

a reception unit adapted to receive a phonetic character string that represents a new text inserted in a web page from a server;

a conversion unit adapted to convert the phonetic character string that represents the new text into synthetic speech; and

a speech output unit adapted to output the synthetic speech,

wherein said server includes a detection unit adapted to detect the new text from the web page, a deleting unit adapted to delete ~~one or more~~ registered character strings from the new text detected by the detection unit in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech, wherein the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings are the same ~~one or more~~ as character strings registered in a predetermined file, a phonetic conversion unit adapted to convert ~~a character string that represents the~~ new text from which the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings have been deleted by said deletion unit, into [[a]] the phonetic character string, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit the phonetic character string converted by said phonetic conversion unit to the information processing apparatus.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit receives a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string converted by said phonetic conversion unit.

36. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit receives a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the new text together with the phonetic character string converted by said phonetic conversion unit.

37. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said speech output unit outputs predetermined sound or speech before outputting the synthetic speech.

38. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said information processing apparatus is one of a portable telephone, PDA, and computer.

39. (Currently Amended) A method for an information processing apparatus, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a phonetic character string that represents a new text inserted in a web page from a server;

converting the phonetic character string that represents the new text into synthetic speech; and

outputting the synthetic speech,

wherein the server includes a detection unit adapted to detect the new text from the web page, a deleting unit adapted to delete ~~one or more~~ registered character strings from the new text detected by the detection unit in order to avoid converting the registered character strings into synthetic speech, wherein the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings are the same as ~~one or more~~ character strings registered in a predetermined file, a conversion unit adapted to convert ~~a character string that represents~~ the new text from which the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings have been deleted by said deleting unit, into ~~[[a]]~~ the phonetic character string, and a transmission unit adapted to transmit the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit to the information processing apparatus.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein said receiving step includes a step of receiving a phonetic character string corresponding to a title of the web page together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit.

41. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 39, wherein said receiving step includes a step of receiving a phonetic character string corresponding to a creation date of the new text together with the phonetic character string converted by said conversion unit.

42. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein said outputting step includes a step of outputting predetermined sound or speech before outputting the synthetic speech.

43-51. (Canceled)

52. (Currently Amended) The server according to claim 9, wherein said detection unit includes detection means for detecting the new text from the web page, said conversion unit includes conversion means for converting ~~the character string that represents the~~ new text from which the ~~one or more~~ registered character strings have been deleted by said deleting unit, into ~~[[a]]~~ the phonetic character string, and said transmission unit includes transmission means for transmitting the phonetic character string converted by said conversion means to the client.

53. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein said reception unit includes reception means for receiving the phonetic character string, said conversion unit includes conversion means for converting the phonetic character string into the synthetic speech, and said speech output unit includes speech output means for outputting the synthetic speech.

54. (Previously Presented) The server according to claim 9, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

56. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 34, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.

57. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 39, wherein the phonetic character string includes characters for representing pronunciations of words.